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## Author says data show Nazi ties

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ROCKLAND, Mass. — A former Justice Department investigator yesterday released copies of federal documents that support assertions in a book he wrote that U.S. officials knowingly allowed Nazi collaborators to live in this country.

"Now, we have this smoking gun — a written proposal by a Nazi (puppet government) president to unite his collaborators with U.S. intelligence," said lawyer and author John Loftus after a news conference at his home.

Loftus wrote about the documents in a book entitled *The Belarus Secret* after he left the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations in 1981, but he agreed not to quote from them directly or to mention his source.

The Office of Special Investigations was set up during the Carter administration to investigate suspected Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

The documents were subsequently declassified and Loftus obtained them about two months ago under the Freedom of Information Act.

A CBS television movie, *Kojak: The Belarus File*, based on his book was broadcast Saturday night, and Loftus said he held the news conference to publicize the incriminating documents because "I wanted people to know this wasn't fiction."

He says he has sent the packet of documents, plus his summary, to Congress and the General Accounting Office. Two years ago, a House committee ordered the GAO to study the Nazi-U.S. intelligence connection after another report Loftus did with CBS. The GAO is expected to report its findings to Congress in about 90 days.

Justice Department spokesman Thomas Stewart said Sunday in Washington that the agency would have no comment until it had examined Loftus' documents.

Loftus said the documents show that shortly after World War II, U.S. intelligence agencies smuggled Nazi collaborators from the Soviet Union into the United States in return for information on the Soviet Union.

Those allegedly brought into the United States headed a Nazi puppet government in what is now Soviet Byelorussia, Loftus said.